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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon, the Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Fire Insurance Companies' Ordinance 1908. — In doing so he said:— This Bill was passed through during the present year and as stated, in the objects and reasons it was considered by the Board of Trade that the rights of creditors and shareholders were not being sufficiently safeguarded and provision is therefore made that if the company or any member or creditor feels aggrieved by the name of the company having been struck off the register of the company, member or creditor, may apply to the court and the court if it is satisfied that it is just so to do may order the name of the company to be restored to the register. I may say, Sir, that it is based generally on the Life Insurance Companies' Ordinance of 1907 passed last year. It purports the two ordinances of a similar footing with the exception that it extends the right to the creditor, but it does not affect the company. It creates practically a uniformity and the same power is proposed to be exercised in the other small bill before the Council generally amending the Companies' Ordinance.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the bill.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved that the bill be read a third time.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a third time and passed.

INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Interpretation Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance 1907 and to remove an ambiguity in the construction of the same. In doing so he said:— The object of this Bill is to keep in force the right to bring any action for criminal conversation. I may say, Sir, it is purely a legal point and in order to give effect to decisions of the Supreme Court to maintain the right for an action for criminal conversation in this colony because no power to bring divorce proceedings exist. I may say that the Bill was very carefully considered. It was somewhat technical and required careful consideration. Its object is to give effect to decisions of the Supreme Court.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the bill.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved that the bill be read a third time.

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COMPANIES' ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Companies' Ordinance 1865. He said:— The object of this Bill extends to creditors of a company the same right as a company or a member possesses in the case of a defunct company being struck off the register under the Companies' Ordinance 1865. Procedure is laid down as regards the striking of a defunct company off the register and gives to a member of the company power to apply to the court. It has been deemed advisable that that power should also be extended to a creditor of the company. Where proceedings are taken and a company is struck off the register it has been deemed desirable that a creditor of the company should have the same right and privilege of going to court as the company.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

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satisfactory but when we turn to the other side of the account we find that the national expenditure on elementary education alone has risen during the last 15 years from £8,500,000 to £15,500,000. During the same period the cost of the Civil Service has grown from just over £6,000,000 to nearly £10,000,000, and the military and naval expenditure from £3,000,000 to £5,000,000.

For the financial year 1908-09 (the year previous to the South African war) there was a small realised surplus £186,000—but in the Budget for the following year—which it must be remembered, was framed during times of peace—a deficit of about £2,650,000 was shown. This deficit was entirely due to a great growth in ordinary expenditure especially as regards the amount devoted to the Army and Navy. So far from the revenue having contracted then, a further large expansion was anticipated, and the deficit referred to was entirely due to the estimates of expenditure being increased by about £5,000,000. Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BROWN, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, drew the serious attention of the House to this necessary but ever-increasing expansion in the national expenditure, and indicated pretty plainly that the matter was one which would have to engage the closest attention of Chancellors of the Exchequer in coming years as to the best means for raising fresh revenue. Unfortunately, this Conservative Chancellor himself showed very little courage in facing the question, and was content to meet his deficit by reducing the amount fixed for the redemption of the National Debt by £2,000,000, and by a few trifling increases in the stamp and wine duties.

In the autumn of 1899 the whole position was changed by reason of the outbreak of the South African war, and instead of the financial year closing with a small surplus, there was a deficit of nearly 14 millions sterling, while the further deficit of about 4 millions by deducting £1 millions from the Sinking Fund and increasing taxation to the extent of over 13 millions this deficit was partly met in the Budget, but so rapidly did the war expenditure increase that, in spite of the new taxation, the year close with a deficit of about 55 millions, which was met by borrowing. In the following year further taxation and racking became necessary by reason of the war, while in the Budget for 1902-03 the maximum of expenditure is fixed, the estimate for that year is 193 millions, as compared with an estimate of 111 millions in 1900-01—the year previous to the war. The means employed of meeting the special extra war expenditure was, first, by loans about 15 millions being raised through increased direct taxation and about £57,000,000 from indirect taxation.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, reserved his decision at the Supreme Court, regarding the legality of the Sinking Fund and a counter claim by defendant for the return of his security of £55,000 and interest.

A boatwoman of a licensed passenger boat was fined £25 at the Marine Court, owing to the Congo State having practically ceased to administer Lado, and the natives have been in eight thousand elephants and are shooting the males, who are racing large profits.

After 17 years' service in the Hongkong Police, Inspector Ritchie has retired on pension, and leaves for home to-day. He was formerly a member of the Edinburgh Police, which he joined in 1886. He leaves the Colony with the good wishes of all his colleagues.

A native timber merchant was to-day charged at the Magistracy with having been in unlawful possession of 200 logs of pine timber, valued £600, and also a quantity of other timber, valued £300. Mr J. H. Gardner defended, and the case was remanded.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, reserved his decision at the Supreme Court, regarding the legality of the Sinking Fund and a counter claim by defendant for the return of his security of £55,000 and interest.

The celebrated band of the S. M. S. Fuerst Bismarck gave a capital programme of music during and after dinner at the Oriental Hotel on Thursday evening. The spacious dining room was crowded, many being unable to gain admission and the verandah was tastefully festooned for the occasion by Mrs Matthaei, with flags of all nations.

An able seaman of H.M.S. King Alfred was playing a game on Chinese premises yesterday when he felt some one tugging at his pocket. On looking down he discovered that a sharp cut had been made in his clothes, and a native cook was holding his hand so as to catch the money which was falling out. On a search being made the native was found to have six dollars of the money in his possession; and the Magistrate to-day was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, by Mr J. R. Wood.

An interesting sale of work was held at No 1, College Gardens, this afternoon, when the several stalls were laden with a large assortment of fancy work, children's clothing, toys, lacquer and silver ware and carved wood; etc., besides goods left over from the M.C.L. Bazaar. The proceeds of Mrs Bunbury's stall are to be given to the funds of the C.M.S. Training School, St Paul's College, and the proceeds of other stalls are to be devoted to the Ministering Children's League Institutions. The bazaar is under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor.

A number of prettily designed calendar blotters for 1909 reach us from various sources. Amongst these are those forwarded by Messrs Melchers &amp; Co., on behalf of the Royal Insurance Co., Ltd.; by Messrs Sasse &amp; Co., Ltd.; by the Queen's Insurance Co., Ltd.; by Messrs Arshad, Karberg and Co., as representing the Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd.; while still others are sent by the Victoria Dispensary, and the agents of the Osaka Mercantile Co., Ltd.; and of the Albingia (Hamburg) Assurance Co.

S. Schneider, of Koffeyfontein, O. R. C., is very grateful to the manufacturers of Kimberlain's Cough Remedy. His son, the junior, has been suffering from a chronic cough for some time past, and until this remedy was used. Many parents have made this same discovery. There is nothing better for chronic colds and coughs as it contains no injurious stimulants. There is no danger in giving it to the children. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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HIGH-CLASS

## HOME POLITICS.

Feeling must be running dangerously

high when the Liberals petition the Premier

to appeal to the country. The opinion of

the Cabinet, however, is to stick to office

as long as possible, and if Mr Buxton, the

Postmaster General, voices the feelings of

his colleagues there will be no dissolution

for at least two years. Speaking at the

National Liberal Club recently he said that

the Government refused to be dictated by

the House of Lords in regard to an

appeal to the country. Since then how-

ever the Government had their

Licensing Bill thrown out by the Lords, the

Education Bill was withdrawn, the

Scottish Land Bill also, so that matters

will be wearing a different complexion

now.

## THE SHANGHAI LIBEL

## ACTION.

## BRITISH POLITICS.

## RADICALS URGE APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 10. A Radical memorial to the Right Hon Mr Asquith, Premier, urges him to take steps to appeal to the country as a protest against the recent actions of the House of Lords.

## THE TRANSPORTATION OF GOLD.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SUGGESTED.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 10. Mr. Cortelyou, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, in a report to Congress, suggests that an international conference be called to consider means to obviate the necessity of transporting gold from country to country during times of stress.

## THE BUFFS TRAGEDY.

## A Verdict of "Suicide."

The inquiry was resumed at the Magistrate this afternoon, by Mr. J. H. Kemp, into the circumstances attending the death of Lance Corp Smith, of the Buffs, who was found on November 27th at Murray Barracks with his throat cut.

Sgt. Webb, recalled, said there was nobody near deceased when he found him.

Private Marsh stated that on the evening of the 27th deceased asked him for the loan of his cap, and as he went out he said "Tell Corp. Wade there is a piece of foolscap on my table."

Mr. Kemp—is this your cap?—Yes, sir.

Is it a common thing for a man to borrow another man's cap?—Yes, sir.

You don't know why he borrowed your cap?—No, sir.

Lance Corp Barker stated that he was with deceased and Private Marsh on the night in question. About 9 o'clock deceased went out, leaving Private Marsh and witness together. They remained together until it was time to turn in. Witness did not hear anything said about borrowing a cap.

Private Dyer spoke to seeing deceased going out between 9 o'clock and 9:30 on the night of the 27th. He passed through witness's room. Witness could not remember whether deceased had a cap on. Witness knew deceased but he had never heard him complain of any worry in his private affairs. He had never complained of over-work.

He had a good deal of work; hadn't he?—Yes, sir.

But he never complained about it?—No.

Private Tozer stated that as deceased passed his (witness's) bed on the night in question he asked him to deliver a message to Corp Wade, saying, "Tell him he will find the foolscap on my table, as he will answer for me to-night." This referred to the roll-call. He added "I'm off to the drum major, to fix up this mess."

Was Private Marsh in the room at the time?—Yes, sir.

Did he leave the room afterward?—No, sir.

His Worship, addressing the jury, said all the evidence pointed to suicide, as it was impossible for deceased to have had a deadly quarrel without some one in the regiment knowing of it. There might be some suspicion against the man whose cap was found, but Private Marsh had given a full explanation of that, and he was committed. He (Mr. Kemp) thought there could not be any question of real suspicion against that witness.

The Foreman of the jury said they thought the evidence clearly showed that the wound was self-inflicted, and that there was nothing to show that there was any ill-feeling existing on the part of anyone with whom suspicion was likely to rest.

A verdict of "Suicide" was therefore returned.

## CHINESE SEAMEN ON BRITISH SHIPS.

It seems, says the *L. & C. Express*, that Chinese seamen in the East End are endeavouring by many little tricks to evade the strict regulations which have been enacted by Mr. Winston Churchill, and perhaps the smartest of all is that of impersonation. A Chinese who can speak English well passes the lamp test, and is entered upon the ship's books, but before the vessel sails, his place is taken by another who knows no English at all.

The first is then left free to do the same thing again, and so the fraud goes on, and British seamen are supplanted by the Chinese in spite of the regulations. According to Mr. Havelock Wilson, M.P., there will have to be some much better means of identification before the arrangement can be regarded as satisfactory. But notwithstanding the tricks and evasions, the number of Chinese sailors in the East End is steadily decreasing, and it is estimated that there are now not more than 300 to be found, as compared with about 1,000 thousand before Mr. Winston Churchill took the matter up.

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## THE SPITTING NUISANCE.

## Discussion at the Legislative Council.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon the Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Magistrate's Ordinance 1890 and to effect certain other amendments in the Criminal Law. In doing so he said—it also affects some small amendments in the criminal law of the colony. The objects and reasons which are attached to the Bill give categorically the reasons for each section. Clause 3, which gives the power of imposing imprisonment in the future of a defendant to comply with his sentence to be of good behaviour, is simply based on the same basis as the subsequent clause in the ordinance which gives a magistrate power to impose imprisonment where a man fails to enter into sureties to keep the peace. It appears to be an omission in the original ordinance and the object of the amendment is to put both on a basis of uniformity. As regards section 4, at the present time power to impose a whipping is confined to certain cases only and magistrates have found in cases of youths that they had to impose imprisonment or let the youth go altogether. The object of this is to extend the power of whipping which is a salutary punishment. It is based on the principles which now prevail in all colonies as they do at home, as to exercise whipping instead of sending youths to prison. That power will have to be exercised with discretion but I submit it is a good one and will have a salutary effect. Instead of sending a youth to prison it empowers a magistrate to order him to be whipped. As regards section 5, the Ordinance recently passed affected the law imposing punishment by stocks and the Ordinance drafted by me was to the effect that punishment would only be imposed in cases of offences punishable by imprisonment. As my honourable and learned friend opposite remembers we had some difficulty at the time in considering the phrasology which would have been the best to use in the ordinance. I am sure that the Ordinance was brought to the notice of the Government that the Magistrate's Ordinance of 1890 gave power to a magistrate in all cases to impose a fine except in cases where he was empowered to impose imprisonment. The effect of that was to multiply to a great extent the provisions of the Ordinance as it stands and certainly it was entirely opposed to the intentions of the legislature, which, when the subject was discussed, was of opinion that the imposition of punishment by stocks should be confined in a degree. It was never intended to modify it to the extent which would be the case if the particular section of the Magistrate's Ordinance to which I referred was brought into operation. That being so, we felt it desirable to clear up the matter altogether so as not to multiply the effect of the existing legislation. The only object I have in view is to preserve what is in the Statute book and existing legislation. Since I have come to the Council to-day I find that my hon. and learned friend opposite is of the opinion that the Ordinance to which I referred was brought into operation. That being so, we felt it desirable to clear up the matter altogether so as not to multiply the effect of the existing legislation.

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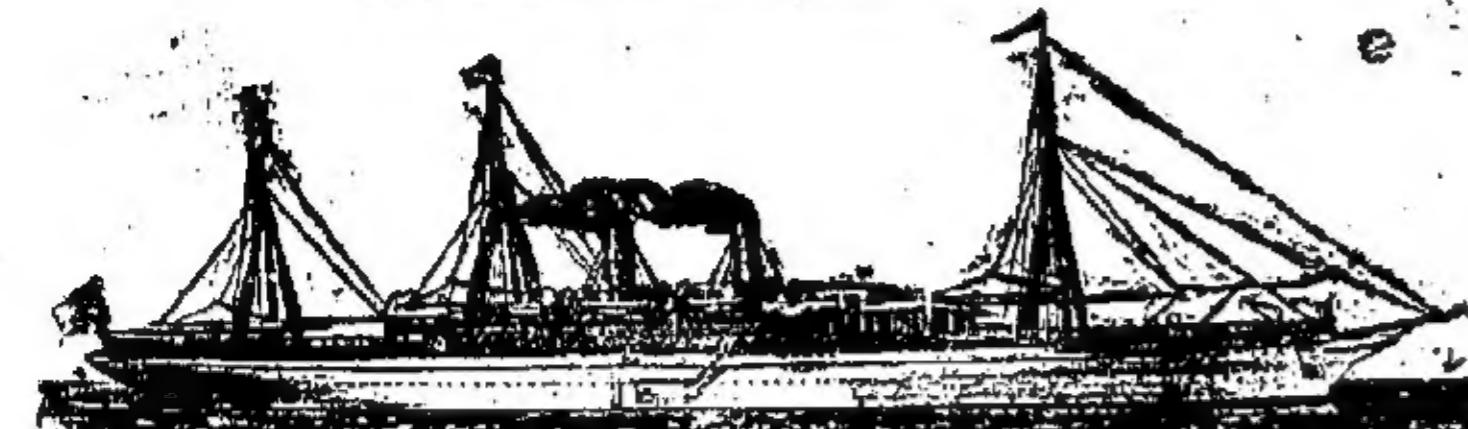
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## Shipping.

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STEAMERS	Leave	Conferring Steamers	Leave at	Arrive at
to	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES	PORLUCKEN (Brindisi 2 days earlier)
COLOMBO				
TONS	NOON Saturday	TONS	Saturday	Saturday
DEVAHNA .....	1908	1908	1908	1908
DEHLA .....	Dec. 12	HIMALAYA .....	Jan. 9	Jan. 16
DEHLA .....	8,000	7,500	8,000	8,000
ASSAYA .....	7,500	19.9 Jan. 9	INDIA .....	Jan. 23
DELHI .....	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
DEVANHA .....	8,000	Feb. 8	VICTORIA .....	Feb. 20
BRITANNIA .....	7,000	Feb. 20	MOREA .....	Mar. 6
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MACEDONIA .....	10,000	8,000	MOULtan .....	Mar. 20
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## SPORTING.

## Cricket.

PICTURES FOR TO-MORROW.  
Civil Service v. Telegraphs.  
Civil Service "A" v. Mr. Brown's XI.  
Police v. R.G.A.  
Kowloon v. Hongkong. (Friendly).

O.S.C. "A" v. Mr. Brown's TEAM.  
The following will represent the C.S. Club on the Cringewong ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday:—A. E. Davay, captain; J. McEwen, H. Ellis, A. G. Pile, A. M. Thornhill, H. Coombs, J. Mackay, F. E. Beach, E. W. Dawson, C. F. Burdett, P. R. Adams, Reserves:—S. J. Taylor, A. G. Gibson, W. S. Diggins.

The following team will play against the Civil Service Cricket Club second eleven:—A. O. Brown, W. H. Viveash, G. Evans, H. Peterson, A. E. Jenkins, W. Hall, G. E. Luce, J. Whitfield, E. Leitao, J. Yew, and G. Witte.

KOWLOON v. HONGKONG.  
This match will be played at Kowloon on Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m. The home team will be—Major Chitty (capt.), Mr. Robinson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Lightfoot, Lt. Balderson, S. M. Monte, Lt. Haughton, Mr. Head, Lt. Liepinian, Lt. Byrne, Reserves:—Mr. Jewell, Mr. Lowe and Lt. Richardson.

HONGKONG v. NAVY.  
To-morrow afternoon on the Club's ground, commencing at 2 p.m. the above match will be played. The following players will represent the Club:—Messrs. R. Hancock, H. Hancock, J. E. Pearson, W. C. D. Turner, H. R. Main, H. D. Sharp, W. E. L. Stanton, F. H. H. Stevens, E. H. Hinds, A. P. Dashwood and Walter J. Daniel.

HONGKONG v. KOWLOON.  
The following team will represent Hongkong in the above match on the Kowloon ground commencing at 2 p.m.:—Lts. Anderson and Bill (the Buffs); Messrs. E. A. Fowler, A. Mackenzie, S. S. Logan, J. R. Lowe, E. Irving, J. H. Chalmers, R. Pedenji, H. H. Taylor and A. C. Hagen.

LUSITANO R. C. v. NOBLEM R. C.  
There will be a return match between Lusitano Recreation Club and Moslem Recreation Club on Sunday, at 2 p.m. on the latter Club's ground. The following will represent the L. R. C.:—A. J. C. V. Ribeiro, P. da Rosa, F. L. Britto, C. Lopes, L. G. Cordeiro, I. F. Correia, F. Hyunam, P. A. L. Yamamoto, A. V. Barros, T. Porsira and A. G. Britto.

88TH CO. R.G.A. v. 27TH CO. R.A.M.C.  
These teams met in a match on Thursday when the honours fell to the R.G.A. XI.

The scores were:—  
R.G.A.—Waddington, b. Willis, 14; Nolan, b. Worsop, 2; Gould, c. Barr, b. Worsop, 6; O'Farrell, b. Hill, b. Willis, 15; Foster, 3; Conaghan, b. Willis, 6; Glynn, b. Willis, 0; Lindström, b. Hill, 6; Glynn, b. Willis, 0; Costigan, c. b. Willis, 6; Robinson, b. Willis, 1; Styson, not out, 5; total 55.

HOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Wills ... ... 9 1 28 6  
Worsop ... ... 6 0 23 3  
Hill ... ... 3 1 8 1

R.A.M.C.—Hill, b. Willis, 0; Willis, c. Styson, b. Owen, 11; Howson, run out, 5; Barr, b. Owen, 0; Worsop, c. Foster, b. Owen, 9; Riordan, c. Gould, b. Ryan, 5; Fowler, b. Ryan, 3; Walker, c. Glynn, b. Ryan, 0; Waters, b. Glynn, 4; Port, not out, 0; Cooper, c. Walton, b. Glynn, 1; extras 12; total 50.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Owen ... ... 6 0 16 0  
Guild ... ... 7 3 12 0  
Ryan ... ... 4 0 8 0  
Glynn ... ... 2 1 2 1

KIN ALFRED OFFICERS v. BUFFS OFFICERS.

On the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club, kindly lent for the occasion, a match took place yesterday between officers of H.M.S. King Alfred and of the Buffs.

The result was a comfortable win for the soldiers by 87 runs. During the afternoon the Buffs band rendered a pleasing musical programme, while the officers were "At home" to a good company of friends.

Scores:—

KING ALFRED.

Lisut, Tovey, b. Baird ... ... 10  
Mr. Johnson, c. b. Baird ... ... 10  
Condie, Lewis, c. Green, b. Anderson ... ... 2  
Eng. Lt.-Col. H. H. Green, b. Hill ... ... 18  
Lieut. H. H. Green, b. Hill ... ... 0  
Eng. Sub-Lieut. Martin, b. Baird ... ... 8  
Lieut. Tweedie, b. Baird ... ... 24  
Mr. Hamilton, b. Baird ... ... 1  
Capt. Clinton Baker, c. Baird, b. Anderson ... ... 1  
Mr. Hicks, not out ... ... 8  
Extras ... ... 8

Total ... ... 73

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Baird ... ... 0.5 4 27 2  
Anderson ... ... 9 4 49 1  
Sill ... ... 3 0 15 2

BUFFS.

Green, b. Lewis, ... ... 0

Anderson, c. Tovey, b. Mullens ... ... 14

Eng. Lt.-Col. H. H. Green, b. Hill ... ... 27

Lieut. H. H. Green, b. Hill ... ... 11

Eng. Sub-Lieut. Martin, b. Baird ... ... 33

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